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Specific Probes

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed August 25, 2003, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for response, a two-month extension of time petition is attached, extending the response period to Monday, January 26, 2004, making this response timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.